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Subject: you didn't do enough for us

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for offering this email address as a forum, but no thanks for your weak backbone in your effort to protect consumers. The operating system business for desktops today is stale and uncompetitive. That is a direct result of MS's business practices. How come you focused so much on Netscape, but didn't focus on MS's licenses that doesn't allow a pc manufacturer to sell dual-boot machines. A linux/windows combo would be a great sell to consumers for companies, but MS doesn't allow that. You should have protected us from those predatory actions.

I find it extremely odd that the you, after using the bundling of code as the main thrust of your case, would suddenly abandon that angle and turn your back on us, the consumers. As MS has shown us with XP, they are perfectly willing to deny trying to be monopolistic, yet continue their abusive practices. They have included more and more software as "bundled" with the O/S, and more and more smaller companies are put out of business. It is very bad for the marketplace and innovation, to have one monster company that can stomp little companies out by bundling code. That means fewer and fewer smaller companies will continue to try to build great products where MS might come along. The entire tech sector suffers when MS gains more power.

Please rethink your decision to settle so weakly. Please support those states who refuse to give up. Please remember the goals you had when you started this case. If you support competition, you should reprimand MS a lot more sternly for violating anti-trust law. I'm very disappointed in you.....

Sincerely,
Bryan Thompson